

SENATE BILL 1676

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
Chapter 8, relative to qualifications for the office of
sheriff.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-8-102, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(9)(A) and substituting the following:

(A) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(9)(B), have at least three (3) years of full-time experience as a POST commission certified law enforcement officer in the previous ten (10) years, or at least three (3) years of full-time experience as a state or federal certified law enforcement officer with training equivalent to that required by the POST commission in the previous ten (10) years, or at least three (3) years of experience as a military police officer in any branch of the United States armed forces in the previous ten (10) years; provided, that any person holding the office of sheriff on May 30, 2011, shall be deemed to have met the requirements of this subdivision (a)(9).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-8-102, is further amended by deleting the third sentence from subdivision (b)(3)(A) and substituting the following:

If the candidate does not have a current certification, or if the person has the law enforcement experience as a state or federal law enforcement officer or a military police officer pursuant to subdivision (a)(9), then such candidate shall certify with the county election commission by the withdrawal deadline their exemption pursuant to such subdivision.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.